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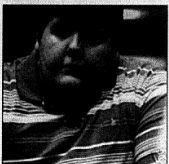
Student gambles way to royalty

NIKKI SKADSEM
STAFF WRITER

MSU has its own "King of Vegas." The King of Vegas is a popular game show that features a wide variety of gambling competitions to determine the King of Vegas, and the winner of \$1 million.

Among the 12 competitors is MSU student Brandon Newsome, referred to as "Big Boy" and his signature is "Hoe Down" because of his dancing on the show.

To be on the show Newsome says first had to qualify on the Internet, where more than 20,000 people applied. Those who



With photo

Graduate student Brandon Newsome gives his best poker hand during a taping of Spike TV's new reality show "King of Vegas." Newsome is competing for \$1 million.

qualified had to fly to one of four cities to qualify in the second round. Those winners were then interviewed and 12 finalists were selected.

The competitions on the show are varied, from poker and blackjack, to Caribbean stud roulette, craps, Pai Gow, and horse racing. Once contestants lose they are eliminated from the show.

Newsome says he was always competitive, but didn't realize he was good at poker until he won at a poker night sponsored by a fraternity rush event. He had played in high school, but only recreationally. Eventually he began playing online and at riverboat casinos.

Newsome says he made enough money to help pay for school and to take five vacations last year.

"What I'm getting at is that I'm not shabby," Newsome says.

Two of the people Newsome has competed against on the show are World Series of Poker champions. Although his specialty is Texas Hold'em poker, Newsome has done well in several of the other aspects of the competition and beat some of the professionals at Black Jack and horse racing.

Newsome says the biggest thing he learned while taping the show is that he confirmed he was just as good as they were.

"I believe there are some professional quality poker players here on this campus, but we're going to school — we don't have the time or the cash," he says.

Newsome hopes to get a job being a professional poker player, and to be sponsored by Golden Palace.

Newsome's family has been very supportive during his qualifying and taping of the show, and have encouraged him.

He says because of his appearance on the show strangers recognize him, and he has been the subject of media attention since being back in Kentucky and on campus.

Newsome says he is normally a shy person, and was nervous about being on national TV, but was soon dancing in front of the camera after he came out of his shell.

In light of many college student gambling problems, Newsome offers advice on not developing an addiction, or losing everything.

Newsome says it is very easy to forget plastic poker chips represent hard earned money.

"Never gamble with something you don't have, or with something you're afraid to lose," Newsome says.

He also recommends exercising caution when gambling on the Internet for the same reasons — the plastic card represents money, and sometimes that is too easy to forget.

Since not all of the taped episodes have aired, Newsome won't disclose the eventual winner. MSU will just have to tune in and see.

The King of Vegas airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on SpikeTV.

Bring it on!



Photo by Ashley Sorrell

Jamie Thompson, left, and Jaime Howard practice moves used in stage combat techniques. They and other theatre students will participate in a thespian conference Feb. 17-19 where they will teach stage combat.

Board addresses tuition, Title IX compliance

ASHLEY SORRELL
EDITOR

Athletics, capital funding and tuition were topics of discussion during a Feb. 14 Board of Regents work session.

The Regents heard presentations concerning these topics but took no action on any proposals during the session.

Brian Hutchinson, MSU athletic director, explained to the board the importance of athletics at MSU calling it the "front porch" of an institution and saying athletics energizes alumni and students.

Hutchinson said MSU athletics is underfunded when compared to other institutions. On average, MSU athletics receives \$48,102 in funds compared to other schools in the Ohio Valley Conference who receive an average of

\$61,388 in funding.

He urged the board to support MSU athletics and laid out a strategic plan to improve the program. That plan included prioritizing the construction of athletic facilities that would serve students, coaches, administrative staff, fans, MSU and the community.

Heery International is developing the master plan and a final report on any recommended new academic facilities and their cost is expected in June.

MSU President Wayne Andrews said the most important issue to address in athletics is Title IX compliance. Currently, MSU is not in compliance.

"We must come to compliance with Title IX," Andrews said. "It's not an option — it's federal law."

MSU offers 18 different sports.

Andrews said the university offers too many sports and not the right mix of sports.

"We have to tinker with the mix," he said. "We need to be in compliance by 2008."

During the meeting, a plan concerning fundraising was presented by Barbara Ender, vice president for development. The plan addresses MSU's capital campaign, which is still in the preparation phase. Ender said MSU would continue preparing for its first capital campaign. The preparation period is expected to take one to two years.

Budget and tuition were predominant topics of discussion during the work session.

Beth Patrick, vice president for

planning, budgets and technology, presented the board with an overview of the 2006-2008 operating budget and tuition and fee schedule.

Patrick said MSU's fixed costs would not be covered by Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher's current budget recommendation of a \$919,000 increase in base funding.

Patrick said the university is looking at a number of ways to restructure student fees.

Among the proposals was an Internet course fee of \$35 per credit hour; reducing the number of hours a student can take without being charged extra from 18 to 16 credit hours a semester; and creating a student recreation center fee.

Patrick said MSU, in an attempt to

increase enrollment, is also looking at lifting the mandatory housing policy for out-of-state students who have earned more than 60 credit hours.

With tuition increases a definite option for MSU, Patrick addressed the Council on Postsecondary Education's tuition parameters.

The CPE model sets the maximum tuition increase for MSU undergraduate students at a range of 8.3 percent to 13.8 percent for 2006-2007. The funding level will determine the final rate approved for higher education, Patrick said.

A student tuition forum is set for Feb. 22. The Tuition Rate Structure Board will meet March 2 and the CPE tuition hearing is scheduled for March 3.



Photo by Terrence Brauer

A pile of scrap metal is all that is left of a hay shed destroyed by an early morning fire Feb. 8 at Morehead State University's Derriekson Agricultural Complex. The fire was reported at 5:30 a.m. and was confined to the hay shed. No injuries were reported. The incident remains under investigation by the fire marshal, Morehead Fire Department and MSU police.

Many freshmen not prepared for college

Remedial courses on the rise at MSU

RACHELL RAUH
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The Senate Education Committee is considering a bill that will require Kentucky's testing system to include the American College Testing program (ACT) in 11th grade testing starting in 2008. The bill will also require that the state pay for the first exam. Students who did not do well the first time would then retake the test in the fall of their senior year. If the student's score does not improve the second time, the student's school's district would have to pay for the test.

Senate Majority leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, told the Lexington Herald-Leader that the bill would probably cost between \$1 million and \$2 million.

The Kentucky Council for Postsecondary Education estimates that remediation costs \$24

million a year, with half of the cost picked up by the state and half picked up by tuition.

In November 2005, the CPE released a report showing that many college freshmen are under prepared for college coursework.

The report was based on a study that looked at the ACT scores of students entering public institutions.

According to the report, in 2002 25 percent of high school test-takers scored 17 or below on the English portion of the ACT, 32 percent scored below 17 in reading, and 35 percent scored below 17 in math.

The study was part of a Kentucky placement policy that mandates all students entering undergraduate programs at state colleges who score 17 or below in math, reading, or English be placed in remedial courses or receive supplemental help in those subjects.

The report also looked at the retention rates of students who were placed in supplemental or

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Man sues over potential hearing loss

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The Daily Reveille
(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — Patrons of University Recreation stood in line Monday night waiting for their chance to pump away calories on one of the Rec's elliptical machines. Sixteen of the 20 students using the cardio equipment had wires leading from their waistbands to their ears, where headphones and "carbuds" were blasting music to drive their workouts.

As iPods increase in popularity on college campuses throughout the country, some specialists worry that the MP3 players could have damaging effects on hearing.

A Louisiana man has filed suit against Apple Computer, Inc. James Kiel Patterson said the company is selling a product that is unfit for use because of its potential to cause hearing loss.

The music player can transmit sounds of more than 115 decibels — 35 percent more than the sound level advised by hearing specialists.

Habitual exposure to noise above 85 decibels will cause a gradual hearing loss in a significant number of people," said Blair Landry, audiologist with Baton Rouge Ear, Nose & Throat Associates. "And louder noises will accelerate this damage."

Some European countries have regulations in place that have forced Apple to modify its products for consumers there. The iPods sold in France are not capable of producing sounds in excess of 100 decibels.

Apple's iPod is the most popular of the MP3 players on the market — the company has sold more than 42 million since the iPod's 2001 premiere — but it does not pose any greater risk of

hearing loss than other audio devices, 77.

"[The iPod] has potential to hurt you if it's turned up to full capacity," Landry said. "But if you wear regular headphones, you can hurt yourself as well. There is nothing that Apple is doing that other companies haven't done as well."

Patterson has not said whether he actually incurred hearing loss from using the iPod, but his lawyer claims that the issue is the potential for damaged hearing.

According to the lawsuit, which Patterson's lawyer is attempting to have certified as class-action, Apple's music players are "inherently defective in design and are not sufficiently adorned with adequate warning regarding the likelihood of hearing loss."

"iPods already have a caution label included in the packaging

that states, 'permanent hearing loss may occur if earphones or headphones are used at high volume.'"


And some Louisiana lawyers think that Patterson's plea will be hard to prove.

"I can't say anything for sure without looking at the state's product liability law," said Bill Corbett, University law professor. "But the [potential] for harm is not likely to satisfy the damage element. It strikes me as a bit far-fetched."

"Most University students think the responsibility to safeguard against hearing loss lies with the user, not with the manufacturer of the product."

I don't usually listen to it at top volume," said Randy Brinson, civil engineering freshman. "The user should know how their hearing is and how much they can take."

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News Briefs

• Andrews speaks to senate

MSU President Wayne Andrews spoke to the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee Feb. 10 and urged the committee for additional state support, according to an MSU press release.

Andrews said additional support is needed to keep tuition at a "reasonable" level in the future.

Andrews stated a case for the legislature to fund the 2006-2008 budget suggested by the Council on Postsecondary Education, according to the release.

The CPE asked for MSU to receive an additional \$4.3 million in state support for its operating budget but the executive budget requests less than \$1 million over a two-year period.

"It goes without saying that all of the institutions will be hard pressed to keep tuition at reasonable levels if we don't get help from the General Assembly with our operating budgets," Andrews said to the committee.

According to the release, Andrews described a three-pronged approach to financing MSU's operating budget.

The biennial budget bill will be completed in the House of Representatives by the end of February. From there, the bill will be sent to the Senate and the final version of the state's two-year spending plan will be negotiated by a conference committee representing both chambers.

• Program accepting applicants

The National Student Exchange Program is accepting applications for the NSE placement conference.

The program provides eligible MSU students access to the resources of other member colleges and universities across the country, according to an MSU press release.

NSE started in 1968 and has placed more than 75,000 students for exchange. MSU students can get exposure to other areas of the country in different academic settings while participating in the program, according to the release.

To be eligible, full-time students must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and be in good standing — academically, financially and socially, according to the release.

Students can call (606) 783-2732 for additional information.

REMEDiate | Tutors help students

From FRONT remedial classes because of ACT test scores.

Students who enrolled in college with a score of 17 or below in at least one subject were nearly twice as likely to drop out of college than were students who scored above 17 in all three subjects, according to the report.

According to the report, 61 percent of MSU freshmen in 2002 were under prepared in at least one subject. Of those 39.5 percent were under prepared in reading, 29.5 percent were under prepared in English, and 47.3 percent were under prepared in math.

Mike Hopper, director of academic and career services at MSU, said the university has been putting under prepared students in developmental for at least 15 years.

"The main reason we do this is because the state mandates it, but we are also concerned about retention," Hopper said.

MSU had 1,591 students enrolled in developmental courses in fall 2005, Hopper said.

According to the Fall 2005 printed class schedule, MSU offered 34 class sections of remedial reading, 30 sections of remedial English and 29 sections of remedial math.

Students who are placed in

these classes must achieve a grade of C or higher in order to pass the class.

The developmental courses count toward a student's grade point average, but the credit hours are not counted toward the 128 hours required for graduation.

The developmental courses are not the only help available to students.

"In academic and career services we have a learning lab and we offer free tutoring for students who request it," Hopper said.

The learning lab offers tutors for math and English, and has supplemental instructors for students in developmental courses. Supplemental instructors attend developmental classes and are available after the class if students have questions that are particular to a class discussion or lecture.

Hopper said this semester the lab has 23 tutors and 21 supplemental instructors. No supplemental instructors are in English classes.

"We have a lot of students who I think would not be able to make it to their sophomore year without these classes," Hopper said.

"What's disturbing is to see students who had a 3.5 in high school who have to take developmental courses."

Correction

Due to an editor's error, the Feb. 9 photo of Deeno Goding on page four misidentified the class he was teaching. Goding was pictured teaching Art 306. Graphic design for the web.

MSU Police Reports

- On Feb. 2, at 10:55 a.m. staff reported a rug stolen from the University Bookstore.
- On Feb. 10, at 12:11 a.m. a stolen rug from ADUC was found at Alumni Tower.
- On Feb. 11 at 12:32 a.m. a male was arrested at Buffalo Wild Wings on a charge of driving under the influence.
- On Feb. 11 at 12:32 a.m. a male was arrested at Buffalo Wild Wings on a charge of alcohol intoxication.
- On Feb. 11 at 2:31 a.m. a female was arrested on a charge of driving on a suspended license.
- On Feb. 14 at 6:22 p.m. a male student reported his side passenger mirror of his car had been broken off.

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EDITORIAL

Remedial courses cause financial strain

Enrollment and tuition are two in the same. The higher MSU's enrollment, the more money and the greater possibility of less of a tuition increase.

Enrollment should not be just the concern of the administrators but the concern of the entire university community to help keep college affordable to MSU students.

MSU is not just having problems with enrollment but also with retaining students for a second year. To increase retention rates, MSU will have to start marketing other areas in the state besides its service region in Eastern Kentucky.

The majority of MSU's students are from Eastern Kentucky, which is not beneficial to the university. According to the Council on Postsecondary Education, up to 74.9 percent of Eastern Kentucky high school graduates are underprepared and in need of remediation.

Having to offer remedial courses to students who are underprepared in math, English and reading puts a financial strain on the university. MSU is the second highest underprepared student population in the state with approximately 61 percent of its students needing remediation.

Students who have developmental needs are less likely to return for a second year. Retention rates at MSU are at an extreme low because the majority of its students need remediation.

With the current higher education budget situation, MSU needs to address the financial and enrollment strain developmental students put on the institution.

Attracting students with high ACT scores will benefit the university financially. If MSU starts servicing these students, less remedial courses will have to be offered and retention rates will increase along with enrollment.

Steps are being taken by the university to reduce the number of remedial students entering MSU.

MSU has created a partnership with Pike County High School to recruit high achieving students in the area by offering college credit at the high school level. Initiatives like the Pike County partnership are needed to help MSU attract high achieving students and increase enrollment through retention.

MSU should continue to take steps toward marketing in other areas of the state and country and creating new initiatives to address remedial education and enrollment as they relate to upcoming budget strains and inevitable tuition increases.

A.S.

CONSIDER THIS

If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead.

— Johnny Carson

A girl should not expect special privileges because of her sex but neither should she adjust to prejudice and discrimination.

— Betty Friedan

Author of the "The Feminine Mystique."

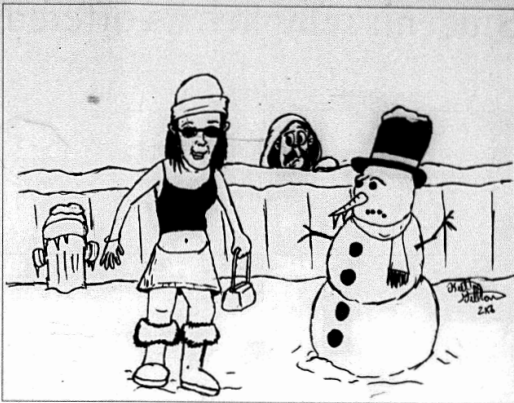
It is a crime to live in this rich nation and receive starvation wages.

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Speech to striking sanitation workers, Memphis, 1968.

The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress.

— Frederick Douglass



Commentary

Trend fashions a mystery to me



Courtney Conn
News Editor

I will be the first one to admit I am not much of a fashion maven. In fact, I usually stick to a strict jeans and T-shirt regimen. Even though I lack fashion expertise, there are some modern articles of attire I have trouble even classifying as fashion.

A couple months ago my younger brother came home from a shopping trip with a pair of what he called "awesome

jeans." Upon inspection, I noticed the knees were ripped out, both legs had frayed spots, some with actual patches, and there were white paint specks splattered randomly over the pants. These were new jeans? He promised me they were, so I inquired where he would buy such a pair of pants, thinking it must have been a second-hand store. I was completely off base. He had paid more than \$60 dollars for the "destroyed vintage wash" jeans from a high-end clothing store. Somehow, I think he got ripped off.

I know celebrities love showing off their fashion, but whoever decided mesh hats were fashion-

able is the musical equivalent of lip-synching on Saturday Night Live. Any fashion trend that has its roots in a shady truck stop seems to me questionable at best.

I also find confusing this trend of wearing pants with messages on the rear. They look decent most of the time, but the problem is, people get wedgies and often do not realize their posterior message of "bottle" has been skewed to read "No lie."

A final fashion trend I keep seeing everywhere is the one I find most puzzling and impractical. Locally, we've had a fairly mild winter, so it is confusing to see many students running around in suede snow boots with

faux fur. Not only is suede a poor choice for snow weather, but when the knee-high boots are paired with an 8-inch skirt that leaves bare to the elements a good deal of leg and thigh, I find it hard to believe this outfit is assembled for warmth.

Thankfully, most fashion trends only last a couple seasons. Soon these current strange trends will be replaced by others that likely will be even more strange and impractical.

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Free speech vs. taste a dilemma

Adam Kotlarczyk
Northern Star

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — In Afghanistan, protesters attacked a NATO base and exchanged fire with police and soldiers. In Iran, they pelted an embassy with stones. They also protested in Pakistan, Turkey, Indonesia, India, Thailand and even New Zealand.

What, you may wonder, are they protesting? The war in Iraq? Iran's nuclear weapons programs? The World Trade Organization? Nope. They're protesting - and dying over - cartoons.

By now, it should come as no surprise that cartoons can get people riled up. Just last year, SpongeBob SquarePants added fuel to the flames of the American culture wars when a religious group claimed that a video featuring him promoted homosexuality to children.

With all due respect to Mr.

SquarePants, the satirical political cartoons sparking worldwide protests today are much more serious.

Published in European newspapers, they depict the Islamic Prophet Muhammad. In one, he wears a turban fashioned to look like a bomb.

The outrage stems, in part, because Islam is interpreted to forbid any illustration of the Prophet on the grounds that it may lead to idolatry.

While it's possible to understand the anger fueling the violent protests, they're hard to justify. Responding to a tasteless picture with a tasteless act of violence only reinforces the baseless stereotype depicted in the cartoons.

Another response has been to sink to the level of the cartoons. One newspaper in Iran is trying to prove its point by offering a contest soliciting the "best" Holocaust cartoon.

It should be noted that tens of thousands of Muslims worldwide have protested nonviolently while demonstrating equal disdain for these drawings.

In addition to providing proof of a deepening rift in which the Islamic world feels (and possibly is) slighted, these protests are also a reminder of the delicate relationship that exists between art, free speech and taste.

Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Tom Toles of the Washington Post would agree. Toles recently came under fire

for one of his own cartoons.

In trying to argue that too large a burden has been placed on the American military, he depicted the Army as a quadruple amputee in a hospital bed.

Naturally, this angered some. Toles' response in a Washington Post article was, "It is the nature of cartooning that someone can read an analogy a cartoon uses to mean things other than what was intended. The only way to avoid that problem is to draw cartoons that have no impact."

Do you have an opinion? Let us know!

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses. Letters should be 400 words or less and signed. Addresses and telephone numbers should be included for verification purposes. Letters must be received in Room 317 Breckinridge Hall or emailed to letters@theaditor@trailblazeronline.net by 4 p.m. Friday for the next weeks publication. The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit letters for purposes of clarity, brevity and legal considerations.

Campus Comment: How do you protect yourself from Internet scams?

Students nationwide have been victims of online schemes. The Trail Blazer asked students how they protect themselves from Internet scams.



Kelly Dehart
Sophomore
Nursing
Morehead, Ky.

"I try to keep up to date."



Curtis Kruckles
Senior
Nursing
Morehead, Ky.

"I go to trusted sites."



David Gough
Freshman
Psychology
Morehead, Ky.

"I try not to do business over the Internet."



Kim Thelsen
Senior
Environmental
Science
Alexandria, Ky.

"I don't ever buy anything online, and I never give my credit card information."



Sally Maynard
Freshman
Biology
Ashland, Ky.

"I don't put too much information about where I live and phone numbers."

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Students, employees offered tech tutoring

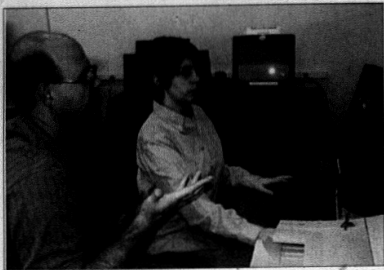


Photo by Nikki Skudsen

Instructional Technology Librarian Ray Bailey assists junior Nichole Hezebeck at one of the ten workstations at the Camden-Carroll library's Learning Technology Lab.

COURTNEY CONN
NEWS EDITOR

Students looking for one-on-one assistance with technology may not be aware of valuable help available to them on campus.

The Learning Technology Lab, located in room 305 of the Camden-Carroll Library, has 10 computer workstations and a trained staff available free to all MSU students and employees.

Instructional Technology Librarian Ray Bailey said the lab provides assistance with video clip and short movie production, digital portfolio creation, CD and DVD burning (blank discs are not provided), creating PDF files, word processing, and a pay-for-print system.

Bailey said, "We can help people with PowerPoint presentations, web pages, scanning

digital images, and manipulating images, like in Photoshop."

Other multimedia software programs offered by the LTL include Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Ulead Video Studio, Windows Movie Maker, Abby FineReader scanner, Lectora Enterprise, Macromedia Dream Weaver, Fireworks and Flash.

All the services offered are free, except the pay-for-print. "Any technical question, anything you want to do with a computer, we can help you," Bailey said. "That's what we're about — friendly service."

The lab is also available to faculty for class use.

Faculty members should call in advance if planning to use the lab, but students do not need to make an appointment, Bailey said.

The learning lab has one full-time staff member, one part-time

staff member, and three student workers, who are part of a work-study program.

"You have a lot of help when you come here," Bailey said. "We're a quiet, comfortable place where you can get help."

He said many students may not be aware of all the services offered by the LTL.

"Our biggest client are student teachers doing their digital portfolio," Bailey said.

Tim Bush, instructional technology specialist, said many students come to the lab after encountering problems.

"There's a wide variety of stuff we can do," Bush said. "If nothing else, come here to get off on the right start."

The LTL is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

MSU post office keeps campus mail running

MICHELLE FIORE
STAFF WRITER

Some would say that in a world with e-mail and instant messaging real mail has fallen to the wayside. The postal employees who receive 7,000 letters and 5,000 packages at Morehead State University's post office each day would have to disagree.

Post Master Elaine Keller,

who has worked for the university post office since 1985, explained the mail that comes in is handled carefully and never left alone.

The mail goes through many

safety checks in Lexington before it ever arrives on campus. When it does arrive, it is sorted by the work-studies and postal clerks, sent through a processing machine, and passed out to

around 20 different campus locations, Keller says.

Postal clerk Jason Justice says, "One thing I want people to know is that we don't deal with the mail that goes to the residence halls."

All the mail that comes to the residence halls is delivered directly from the Morehead City Post Office.

The university post office

often receives many calls from panicked parents and aggravated students with lost or slow mail, but there is not much that the three staff members and eight work-studies can do.

"We want them to feel like they can come to us when they have this problem. That's the only way they will learn," Keller says.

Work-study Joel Benley says

he enjoys the people he works with and getting to decide his own hours. He thinks that the university has a very sufficient postal service.

Keller wants students to feel comfortable coming to the university post office with any problem, especially during the busy time that comes with holidays.

Campus
Calendar

Feb. 16

Concert Band Concert 7 p.m. Duncan Recital Hall
48th Annual MSU Band Concert Clinic Through Sunday

Feb. 17

Symphony Band Concert 7 p.m. Duncan Recital Hall

Feb. 18

Intercollegiate Horseshow Association Derrickson Agricultural Complex 9 a.m. until TBA through Saturday

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Discussion: Men on the Down Low 3 p.m. 121 Baird Music Hall
Discussion: The Safer Sex Social 5 p.m. 203 Baird Music Hall

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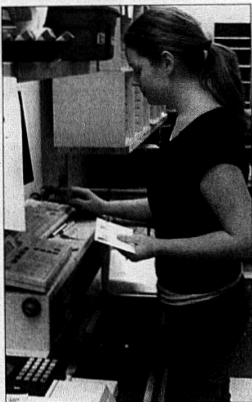


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Ladies inch closer to OVC tournament

Brown records double doubles in conference wins

GEORGE AMEND
SPORTS EDITOR

Poor second-half shooting is all that can be said about the Lady Eagles in their loss to the Lady Redhawks of Southeast Missouri State on Feb. 9.

Guard Megan Gearhart's three pointer and forward Brittany Bass's two pointer were the only field goals made by Morehead as the team went 2-25 from the field in route to a 58-43 loss to SEMO (15-7, 12-3 OVC). "We were not shooting well," Head Coach Matt Mitchell said. "You cannot win on the Division I level with that."

"They played some solid defense and forced us into some bad shots, and we weren't making open shots."

The loss extends MSU's losing streak to a season-high seven games.

In the first half, the Lady Eagles were giving the Lady Redhawks a rough game. With 5:50 remaining in the half, Morehead was on top 27-19. Southeast Missouri State though went on a 14-4 run to close out the half, led by Simone Jackson and Lachelle Lyles, to take a 33-31 lead into the break.

The Lady Redhawks started the second half on a 9-0 run in the first 2:45, to give them an 11-point lead.

Morehead was able to bring the game within six points on a free throw by Patti White and Gearhart's three, but SEMO's defense was just too strong.

Going 18-22 from the free-throw line for the game what kept MSU in the game offensively.

"Foul shooting was our bright spot," Mitchell said. "It gave us nine more points than them."

Center LaKisha Brown, Morehead's leading scorer on the season was held scoreless in the game going 0-12 from the field and 0-2 from the free-throw line. Brown did record a game-high 12 rebounds.

Gearhart led the team against SEMO with 15 points, going 3-8 from the three-point line and 4-4 from the free-throw line.

LADY EAGLES vs. MURRAY

Following their worst shooting performance of the season, the Lady Eagles bounced back Saturday night, defeating Murray State (8-15, 7-9 OVC), and snapping their 11-game losing streak.

With 16 seconds remaining and the game tied 69-69, Anitha Smith-Williams drove the ball the entire length of the court, lost the handle on it under the basket and LaKisha Brown was able to grab it and sink an eight-foot jump shot to give Morehead a 71-69 lead with six seconds still on the clock.

Following the basket, each team called for a timeout to set up their offense and defense. On the inbound, the Lady Racers moved the ball up the court and Ainaia Lee attempted a game-

winning three pointer, but missed. Ashley Hayes got the board for Murray, but missed the layup, giving Morehead the victory.

"After the game Brown said, 'We were tired of losing. We said we were going to beat down and do this.'"

The team certainly did beat down and do it as they shot 55 percent from the field, including 68 percent in the second half.

The game was close from tip-off to the final buzzer. Morehead held the biggest lead of the game when the score was 8-2 just over two and a half minutes into the game.

"We've done a lot of things right," Head Coach Matt Mitchell said. "The ball just hasn't bounced our way."

On Saturday night though, the ball bounced the Lady Eagles' way when it counted the most.

Brown said, "I was thinking we're not going to lose this. It's going in [her eight-foot shot] and we just have to play defense."

As the Racers took the ball out of bounds, they had two players crisis cross on the court to set picks for each other getting at least one player open to receive the inbound.

"We were trying to keep those kids in front of us," Mitchell said. "We had one [defender] switch and the other not."

The ball, again bounced Morehead's way by not going in on either of Murray's shots.

Brown was back in her form Saturday night recording her fourteenth double double on the year, scoring 26 points, going 12-18 from the field, and grabbing 10 rebounds.

"It says a lot about her resolve and press down," Mitchell said.

"I don't think she'll have another night where she won't score."

Even with the big win, the team still is not complete with the season.

"We'll be ready," Brown said. "Plan on us being ready and playing better than tonight, with more intensity."

LADY EAGLES vs. UTM

A big second-half performance by the Lady Eagles (12-11, 7-9 OVC) propelled them to their second victory in three

nights as they played host to the Tennessee Martin Skyhawks (8-16, 11 OVC) on Monday night.

Morehead continued its strong second-half shooting from Saturday night, going 17-28 from the field, en route to the

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Photo By Terrence Bruner

Guard Anitha Smith-Williams, right, uses the pick from Patti White to drive the lane against the Racers in the Lady Eagles' 71-69 victory Saturday night.

Eagles' loss eliminates team from tourney

JUSTIN HAMMOND
STAFF WRITER

Despite poor free throw shooting down the stretch, MSU guard Quinton Smith managed to come through with two clutch free throws from the line with 1:4 seconds remaining to hold off Southeast Missouri State 62-59.

Smith said after the game, "I knew I had to get the ball in my hands. Being the captain of this team I knew I had to step up in the big game whether it's taking care of the ball or knocking down those two free throws to seal the game."

With just over 13 seconds left and the Eagles up 60-59 Quinton Pryor was sent to the free-throw line where he was 7 of 7 for the night. He managed to miss both shots, but the rebound went out of bounds off of SEMO.

On the inbound, MSU's Shaun Williams was fouled with 11 seconds left in the game sending him to the line to give the Eagles some breathing room, but he missed both shots as well, but this time SEMO managed to gather the rebound for one last shot at redemption after the Eagles beat the Redhawks on their home court.

SEMO's Paul Paradiski led the Redhawks down the court pulled up for a three-pointer, but instead of shooting tried to pass it off to a teammate under the basket where it went out of bounds and back in possession of the Eagles. Smith was then fouled and made his shots to secure the win.

"Quinton [Smith] really stepped up with that senior leadership after we had missed a few," Head Coach Kyle Macy said.

MSU was outscored 30-23 in the second half, but built a big enough halftime lead to hold off

the Redhawks.

The Eagles were on fire in the first half hitting nearly 60 percent of their shots from the field, the second half was a different story as they went just 5-22.

SEMO was playing catch up most of the game, which meant sending the Eagles to the free-throw line 19 times in the second half where they made 13.

MSU out rebounded SEMO 36-29 with 13 of those coming from the offensive side.

After being fed 6-6 early the Eagles went on a 12-2 run to give them an 18-8 lead with 10:48 left in the half. Pryor hit a pair of his three's in that stretch to help the Eagles get out to the early lead.

With 8:10 left in the half MSU's Shaun Williams entered the game for the first time after being suspended for the EKV game for violation of team rules.

Williams scored four points but was just 1-6 from the field and 2-4 from the free throw line.

MSU managed to keep pace with that double-digit lead holding off the Redhawks and taking a 39-27 lead into halftime.

SEMO came out in the second half looking to make up some lost ground from the first half as they managed to cut the MSU lead to 45-40 with five and a half minutes into the half.

Still up five at 49-44 with just under 12 minutes remaining Quinton Smith stole a SEMO pass and took it coast to coast to get the lead up to seven and to kind of get the fans into the game.

With the game clock ticking down just under four minutes SEMO's Roy Booker took the game into his hands getting the game back in reach.

Down 55-48 Booker scored 11 straight points for the

Redhawks with nine of those coming from the three point line and a three point play.

"He's a scorer," Macy said of Booker's late surge. "We did a good job on him in the first half, but in the second half he got some looks and kept shooting. He managed to hit a couple big shots. That's what he does."

The last trip down for SEMO, the Eagles played good defense and didn't let the ball get into Booker's hands and forced the turnover to come away with the 62-59 victory.

Pryor led the Eagles with 20 points, and Smith scored 13 to pace the Eagles. Freshman center Clinton Reisd led with 9 rebounds enroute.

MSU vs. MURRAY STATE

The Morehead State men's basketball team looked to make it three in a row on Saturday, but foul trouble and rebounds spelled defeat in the second half as the Eagles fell to Murray State 71-56.

After the game MSU Head Coach Kyle Macy talked about the rebounding effort.

"All week long we talked about how they weren't that good of a team on their first shot," Macy said. "Because they crash the offensive glass, we gave up 17 [rebounds] not being able to take advantage of what we know."

Down just 27-25 at the half the Eagles defense seemed lost and couldn't find a way to stop

Murray State as they scored 44 points in the second half increasing their shooting percentage by nearly 30 percent in the second half.

After being down 8-4 early in the game the Eagles bounced back and went on an 11-2 run to take a 15-10 lead over the first place Racers.

The Racers would come back on a three by Justin Orr, who paced the Racers with 15 points and 10 rebounds, to make the score 17-17. Orr followed the three with a lay-up to get the lead back for Murray.

With 3:47 left before halftime

Quinton Smith hit a three pointer to get the Eagles to within one at 21-20.

On Morehead's next offensive possession, Smith got fouled in the act of shooting behind the three-point line where he made all three free throws to take a 23-21 lead with 3:11 left in the half.

The Eagles could not maintain the lead with Orr ending the half with a layup to give the Racers a 27-25 lead heading into the locker room.

Up two, the Racers opened up the second half on a tear going on a 25-6 run to build up a commanding lead with a little over 11 minutes left in the game making the score 52-31.

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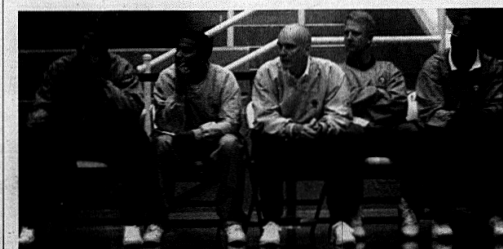


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Head Coach Kyle Macy, center, and his coaching staff, joined hundreds of college coaches across the country in wearing sneakers during this past weekend's games. The coaches wearing sneakers was to show support for Coaches vs. Cancer National Awareness Weekend, sponsored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the American Cancer Society. According to the American Cancer Society, over 300 coaches participated in the weekend last year.

Student-Athlete of the Week



Quinton Smith Guard

Quinton Smith averaged 15.3 points, 3.7 rebounds and 4.0 assists in three Eagle games last week. He made 14 of his 28 field goal attempts and 12 of 14 free throws.

The Student-Athlete of the Week is submitted by the MSU Sports Information Office



Photo by Terrence Bauer

Center Chris Reisz shoots a hook shot over the Murray State defender in the Eagles' 71-56 loss on Saturday night. The freshman is averaging 2.9 points and 3.4 rebounds for the season.

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team's 63-52 victory. "We created a lot of really good shot opportunities with our defense," Head Coach Matt Mitchell said.

The defense for Morehead did than just create shot opportunities for the offense. UT-Martin's Andreika Jackson was kept in check for the most part throughout the game. The Lady Eagles held Jackson to just 16 points. On Saturday against Eastern Illinois, Jackson racked up 30 points.

Jackson's counterpart in the game was LaKisha Brown who recorded her fifteenth double double of the season with game highs in points, 21, and rebounds, 12.

The Skyhawks in the first half seemed to have MSU's number, leading 28-24 at the break. Tennessee Martin shot 52 percent from the field, including making the half's only three pointers.

The Lady Eagles in the first half shot only 29 percent and went 0-9 from the three-point line.

But down by six points only a minute and 45 second into the second half, MSU went on a 13-2 run over the next six minutes to take a five-point lead at 39-34.

The Lady Eagles would gradually build onto their lead, leading by as many as 14 points with 5:20 remaining in the game.

"We started the second half

stuggish," Head Coach Matt Mitchell said. "I thought when Holly Williams came in, in the second half, she really pumped up our defense."

Williams was just one person who came up big off the bench for the Lady Eagles.

Aniha Smith-Williams came up big in the second half with big plays on offense and defense.

With 5:40 remaining in the game, the Lady Eagles' LaKisha Brown grabbed a defensive rebound and out letted the ball to Smith-Williams. Smith-Williams took a couple dribbles and then belted a pass from half court to a streaking Williams for an easy layup.

On the next defensive series, Smith-Williams jumped out and intercepted a pass, taking the ball all the way to the basket for the layup igniting MSU's bench and the crowd, while forcing the Skyhawks to call a timeout.

With the game well in hand, the Lady Eagles were able to coast the remaining time to keep in the hunt for a spot in the OVC tournament in March.

Currently MSU is in sixth place, which would match them against Samford University (16-7, 11-5 OVC). Samford beat the Lady Eagles on Jan. 19, 51-49 at Johnson Arena, but they will have their regular season rematch tonight at 5 p.m. in Birmingham, Ala.

MEN | Team loses two games at home

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The Eagles tried fighting back, but they could only get as close as 58-44.

Despite the strong effort down the stretch the 14-point lead was too much to comeback from after the Eagles got into foul trouble.

"It was our own fault getting into foul trouble," Macy said. "If we would have kept the same tempo as we did in the first half, we would have got some calls, but because we slowed down we weren't able to accomplish what we wanted."

Smith led all scorers with 16 points in the losing effort for the Eagles, while Shaun Williams just missed a double double with nine points and 10 rebounds.

On Tuesday night, the Eagles traveled to Jacksonville State to take on the Gamecocks. Morehead fell 77-68 behind

Shaun Williams, who led the team with 17 points.

The Eagles are on the road tonight visiting Samford. Tip-off is at 7:45 p.m.

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